**Crops covered under the insurance scheme in Gujarat**

2019. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the crops which have been covered under insurance in Gujarat;

(b) the names of crops which have not been covered under the insurance;

(c) the reasons for not giving insurance cover; and

(d) the time by which these crops will be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The crops covered under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) in Gujarat during Rabi 1999-2000 season were wheat (irrigated and unirrigated), gram, bajra, groundnut, rapeseed, mustard and potato. The crops covered during Kharif season are paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, blackgram, greengram, beans, tur, groundnut, sesamum, castor and cotton.

(b) to (d) NAIS which has been introduced from Rabi 1999-2000 provides coverage of all food crops (cereals, millets and pulses), oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops. Among annual commercial/horticultural crops, three crops namely, potato, sugarcane and cotton are to be covered in the first year of its implementation. The remaining annual commercial/horticultural crops will be covered in a period of three years subject to the availability of past yield data for sufficient number of years and the ability to conduct the requisite number of crop cutting experiments by the respective State Government. The State Governments have to notify the crops which they want to cover under insurance.